

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy and Forestry held a joint hearing entitled “Challenges Facing Domestic Oil and Gas Development: Review of Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Forest Service Ban on Horizontal Drilling on Federal Lands.” Testimony was heard from Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Maureen Hyzer, Forest Supervisor, George Washington and Jefferson National Forest; Tony Ferguson, Director, Minerals and Geology Management, USDA Forest Service; Maureen Matsen, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Senior Advisor on Energy, Virginia; and public witnesses.

## GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT REGULATION

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a joint hearing entitled “The Gainful Employment Regulation: Limiting Job Growth and Student Choice.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 104, the “Realize America’s Maritime Promise (RAMP) Act.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Boustany and public witnesses.

## SOCIAL SECURITY’S CURRENT BENEFIT EXPENDITURES, PROPOSED CHANGES TO FUTURE BENEFITS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security’s current benefit expenditures, proposed changes to future benefits and the impact those changes would have on the program, future beneficiaries, workers, and the economy. Testimony was heard from Barbara Bovbjerg, Director for Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,  
JULY 11, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 11 through July 16, 2011

**Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1323, Sense of the Senate Regarding the Budget Deficit, and vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

**Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*, July 14, to hold hearings to examine growing jobs in rural America, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Armed Services*, July 13, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration’s request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*, July 12, to hold hearings to examine enhanced investor protection after the financial crisis, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, July 13, to hold hearings to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why cramers win and consumers lose, 10 a.m., SR-253.

July 14, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine the National Nanotechnology Investment, focusing on manufacturing, commercialization, and job creation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, July 12, to hold hearings to examine S. 1160, to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, S. 1108, to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, and S. 1142, to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, 10 a.m., SD-366.

July 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, July 12, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency’s implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act’s Unregulated Drinking Water Contaminants Program, 10 a.m., SD-406.